

**Development of infrastructure in textile sector**

\*137. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is ambitious programme to develop infrastructure in the textile sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether it will generate employment opportunities which is becoming operational;
- (c) whether Centre will totally take care of financial aspect; and
- (d) whether on its fully functional, Government would be able to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

- (a) Yes, Madam. To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Parks (SITP).
- (b) Under the SITP, 26 projects have been sanctioned. This would facilitate employment generation of more than five lakh persons (direct/indirect).
- (c) Estimated project cost of these 26 parks (common infrastructure/facilities) is Rs. 2433.80 Crore of which Government of India support would be Rs. 869 Crore.
- (d) These textile parks will cater to both domestic and international markets.

**Facilities for economic growth at borders**

\*138. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, in its attempt to integrate foreign policy with trade, India will make it easier for its neighbours to log into its economic growth at its borders;
- (b) whether the Cabinet has approved an elaborate plan to establish a Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) and 13 State-of-the-art Integrated